

REMARKS

The present application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated November 27, 2009. Claim 9 is the only claim presented for examination. Claims 1, 2, and 5-8 have been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter presented therein. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication that Claim 9 has been allowed. Because this claim is the only remaining claim in the present application, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance.

Entry of this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 is believed proper and is respectfully requested, as there are no unresolved issues for consideration. Should the Examiner believe that issues remain outstanding, however, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact Applicants' undersigned attorney in an effort to resolve such issues and advance the case to issue.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration and an early issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

No petition to extend the time for response to the Office Action is deemed necessary for this Amendment. If, however, such a petition is required to make this Amendment timely filed, then this paper should be considered such a petition and the Commissioner is authorized to charge the requisite petition fee to Deposit Account 50-3939.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York Office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should be directed to our address listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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